

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 12-16 have been added. Hence, claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-16 remain pending under consideration in the present application, of which claims 1, 6 and 9 are independent.

Noted - Priority Document Received By USPTO

The indication (see present Office Action Summary, box 12(a)(1) as checked) that the certified copy(ies) of the priority document(s) has been received by the USPTO is noted with appreciation.

Noted - IDS Considered

The indication (see attachment to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2007) that the Information Disclosure Statement as filed on December 30, 2005 and references listed therein have been considered is noted with appreciation.

Noted - Drawings Approved

The indication (see Office Action Summary of the Office Action mailed September 28, 2007, box 10(a) as checked) that the Drawings (submitted on December 30, 2005) have been approved is noted with appreciation.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Office Action asserts that claim 1-3 lack the necessary physical articles or objects to constitute a machine or a manufacture.

Claim 1 has been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments and it is submitted that claims 1-3 satisfy the requirements of the statute. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tange (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0120775).

INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

As an example, independent claim 1, as amended, recites (among other things):

the registration unit to extract attribute information from the moved information according to a type of the moved information, the attribute information representing a keyword in a text upon the moved information being the text, a keyword in a document pointed to by a network address upon the moved information being the network address, and the number of colors or the number of vertical and horizontal pixels of an image upon the moved information being the image. (Underlining is added for emphasis).

As will be explained below, at least this feature of claim 1 is a distinction over Tange.

Tange merely describes storing unclassified homepage address in a storage without any discussion of a number of colors or a number of vertical and horizontal pixels of an image. In particular, paragraph 0048 of Tange states:

When the pointer 13 controlled by the user operating the mouse 3 is driven by drag-and-drop with no relation of the classification in the pulldown menu 15, the address of the homepage is not classified but stored in the address storage 5. (Underlining is added for emphasis).

Hence, the noted feature, namely the feature that "the registration unit extracts attribute information from the moved information according to a type of the moved information, the attribute information representing a keyword in a text when the moved information is the text, a keyword in a document pointed to by a network

address when the moved information is the network address, and the number of colors or the number of vertical and horizontal pixels of an image when the moved information is the image" is a distinction over Tange.

Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim. In view of the distinction of claim 1 noted above, at least one or more claimed elements are not present in Tange. Hence, Tange does not anticipate claim 1.

Claims 2 and 3 (and for that matter, new claims 12 and 13) depend from claim 1, and so at least similarly distinguish over Tange. Hence, Tange also does not anticipate claims 2, 3, 12, and 13.

INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 6 and 9

Independent claims 6 and 9 have been amended to recite (among other things) features similar to those noted above for claim 1. Hence, claims 6 and 9 similarly distinguish over Tange for at least the reasons noted above for claim 1.

Claims 5, 7 and 8 (and for that matter, new claim 14) depend from claim 6, and so at least similarly distinguish over Tange. Hence, Tange also does not anticipate claims 5, 7, 8, and 14.

New claims 15 and 16 depend from claim 9, and so at least similarly distinguish over Tange. Hence, Tange also does not anticipate claims 15 and 16.

In view of the foregoing discussion, the rejection of claims 1-9 is improper. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tange in view of Saylor et al. (US Patent No. 6,501,832, Saylor hereinafter).

Claim 10 depends from independent claim 9. A basis for how Tange is deficient vis-à-vis claim 9 has been discussed above. Further, the Office Action does not rely upon Saylor to compensate for these deficiencies. Hence, the noted features of claim 9 also are distinctions over Saylor.

Among other things, a *prima facie* case of obviousness must establish that the asserted combination of references teaches or suggests each and every element of the claimed invention. In view of the distinction of claim 10 noted above, at least one claimed element is not present in the asserted combination of references. Hence, the Office Action fails to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness vis-à-vis claim 10.

In view of the foregoing discussion, the rejection of claim 10 is improper. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 50-4610.

Respectfully submitted,

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